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Letter dated 11 March 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Upon direct instructions from the Austrian Foreign Minister and referring to the unacceptable kidnapping of 21 Philippine United Nations Disengagement Observer Force (UNDOF) peacekeepers on 6 March by militant forces, I call on the Security Council to exert its utmost influence on all parties to the conflict in the Syrian Arab Republic to honour the commitment:

- To ensure the safety and security of all UNDOF personnel and to take all necessary steps to avoid similar attacks on UNDOF in the future in order to enable it to fulfil its mandate
- To fully cooperate with the operations of UNDOF, to respect its privileges and immunities and to ensure its freedom of movement

Furthermore, Austria asks the Security Council to guarantee an active dialogue between UNDOF troop-contributing countries and the Security Council in the future to ensure full transparency and confidence.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

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